

Assumption Church
The changes in the parts of the people in the Order of the Mass.
Introduction

I'm sure most of you have heard that for the last few years our liturgists and those religious in charge of interpreting the meaning of our different liturgies, have been meeting to reword our Mass so that it includes a more meaningful and more closely matches a literal translation of the Latin Missal.

For us, the people of the Church, the changes are meaningful but not difficult. We are an adaptable people as we proved following Vatican II. These changes will prove to be more extensive for the priest leading the Mass. It also required the Church musicians to rewrite the Mass music to accommodate the new wording.

You may have heard a lot of comments in the press (both secular and religious) about the changes. As with any change there was much discussion by the church leaders. In the final analysis the new Roman Missal has been approved and will be implemented the first Sunday of Advent this year – November 27, 2011.

As an insert to today's bulletin you will find background material on why the changes were necessary and "what is the Roman Missal". The missal is the new name given to the Sacramentary from which the priest reads his part of the Mass. It includes all the words of all the prayers and recitations.

Over the next 6 weeks we will introduce you to the specifics of the new wording and provide background material. In the fall we will introduce some new music which incorporates the new wording.

We need to learn some new wording and sing some new music. We'll do just fine!